(c) the reasons for not allotting the bungalow at Aurangzeb Road which was occupied by Shri Jagjeevan Ram; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to commemorate the memory of another Deputy Prime Minister Choudhary Devi Lai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Central Government has not constituted any Trust/Board in memory of Shri Jagjeevan Ram, former Deputy Prime Minister, and no house has been allotted to the said Memorial Trust/Board.

(c) The reasons for not allotting the bungalow at Aurangzeb Road is due to the fact that Shri Jagjeevan Ram did not occupy and accommodation in the Aurangzeb Road for the last forty years.

(d) At present there is no such proposal.

Kochi Metro Rail

2779. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal regarding Metro Rail at Kochi pending for approval from his Minister;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal thereof;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the details of reasons for the delay in providing necessary approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala, based on a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for setting up of Metro in Kochi, has submitted a proposal seeking "in principle" approval of Government of India for the implementation of the project through a Joint Venture Special Purpose Vehicle of Government of India and State Government.

(c) and (d) The proposal has been submitted to the Planning Commission on 3.3.2008 for "in-principle" approval.

MRTS Project in A.P.

2780. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) project in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) has already been started and its present status;

(b) the share of Central Government in the above project; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in starting the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had originally submitted